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1. The State Security Service (SSD) is preparing an action against the Evangelical Foreign Missions organization, on Georgenkirchenstrasse, East Berlin. The objective is to prevent church organizations from sending their members abroad.
2. The SSD learned that several nuns sent abroad in August 1952 were to return to their convents in January or February 1953. Those who did so were arrested, and it is probable that a press campaign and public trial will take place.
3. Meanwhile, on 10 December 1952, the first examinations of members in the mission building were held. All were asked whether they had any knowledge of members of their organization going abroad.
4. The Mission School on Georgenkirchenstrasse has the status of an interzonal organization and this was previously respected.

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